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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

HM-388PCT

Applicant(s) : Günter Knepe, et al  
 Serial No. : 09/744,181  
 Int. Filed : JULY 17, 1999  
 For : METHOD AND DEVICE FOR GUIDING AND  
 SUPPORTING A THIN SHEET OR METAL STRIP

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
 Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS

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Sir:

In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements dated **February 15, 2001** applicants submit herewith a duly executed declaration.

The fee of \$130.00 is being charged as per attached form PTO-2038.

A Translation of Amended Pages of WO 00/05020 is also enclosed.

Should any additional fee be required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fee, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 11-1835

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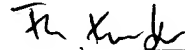
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As required, a copy of the Notification of Missing Requirements is attached.

Since all the missing requirements have now been supplied, it is submitted that the application is now complete and in form for examination. Accordingly, such examination and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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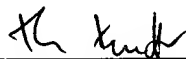
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Copy of Notification of Missing Requirements;  
Executed Declaration;  
Amended Pages;  
FORM PTO-2038 (\$130.00).

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231 on March 7, 2001.



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March 7, 2001